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Winter Solstice

Missing starry nights,
Behind ever-present clouds
Embracing coastlines.

— Kirk Gothier



Walking the bike through Samoa's sandy dunes. Read more on page 18.

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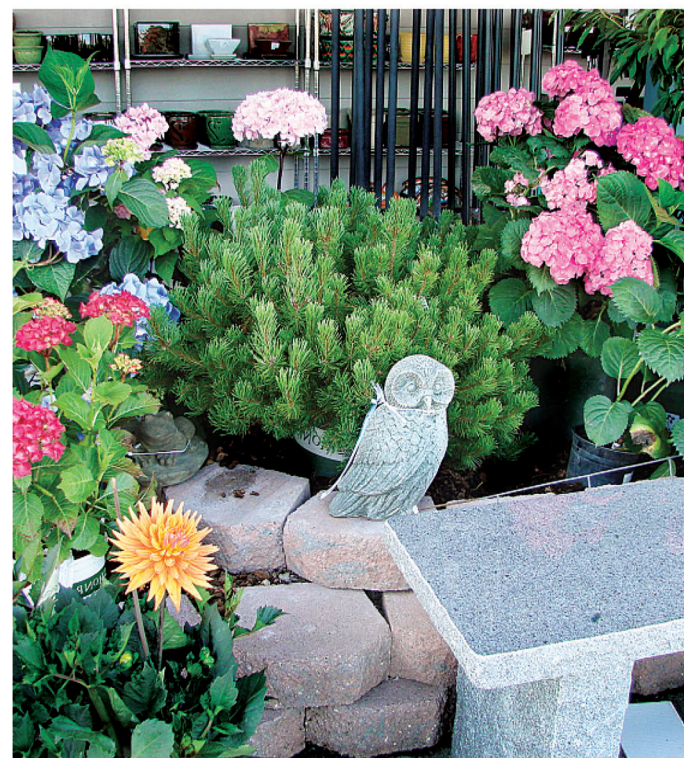


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The Heroes We Need

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There's no escaping the fact that 2021 has been a trying year. The pandemic has marched relentlessly forward, sending waves of grief, isolation and general hardship in all directions. And with so much of the suffering now largely preventable through vaccination, the fear that hovered over the virus has been largely replaced by a dull, ever-present sadness. But amid all those very real feelings, it's important not to lose sight of all we as a community have to be thankful for. It's a lot.

We're grateful for the many nonprofits working daily — pandemic or no — to make Humboldt County a better, more equitable and inclusive place for everyone, and for all the people who volunteer their time to further those missions. And in 2021, we're especially thankful for Food for People, which kept so many of our neighbors fed through extraordinary economic hardship, Cooperation Humboldt, which helped households discover the power of growing their own food and the peace it can help bring, and Betty Kwan Chinn, who has continued and expanded her relentless efforts to care for Humboldt County's homeless residents.

We're grateful to all the teachers and school staffers who have worked tirelessly to get our kids back in classrooms and to keep them there, integrating COVID mitigation measures into their routines while working to close achievement gaps and provide those children most at risk shelter from the proverbial storm.

We're thankful for all the police officers

and firefighters who continued answering calls with professionalism and grace, even amid fears of infection and as their own families were struggling under the stress of the pandemic, and who have increasingly been left to grapple with the very real mental health crisis we are facing. And we owe a special debt of gratitude to those firefighters who came from near and far to save communities threatened by wildfires this summer, doing grueling, dangerous work amid unprecedented conditions. Thank you.

We're grateful to the artists and performers who kept online forums for creativity and adapted live performances to outdoor venues, those who struggled to keep us connected to each other. You streamed variety shows and held distanced dance classes, hosted safe events and painted murals, reminding us of beauty and the power of shared experience.

We're thankful to the Native activists in our community who once again resuscitated Klamath Dam removal in what seems a promising final push to revive an ecosystem, save species and reclaim a way of life.

We're also grateful to those who have taken powerful steps to address generations-old wrongs, whether it be removing a plaque honoring a Nazi collaborator from one of the most beautiful places on Earth, restoring the rightful name of Sue-meg to a breathtaking state park or pushing the city of Eureka to honor Chinese residents who resisted efforts to expel them from the city.

We're thankful to the scores and scores



File

of nurses and healthcare workers who have volunteered their time to put shots in arms in an ongoing effort to protect our neighbors — and our entire community — from COVID-19. And we're grateful for the nonprofits like True North Organizing Network, volunteer fire departments and community centers that have worked so hard to help overcome misinformation and language barriers to get folks vaccinated.

We're grateful not just for the 61 percent of our neighbors — that's 83,459 of us — who have gotten fully vaccinated in an act we view as patriotic and community minded, but for everyone who has taken this virus seriously, masking up (and wearing them properly), being mindful of physical distancing and refraining from gathering and mixing households when we knew it wasn't safe. Thank you.

And perhaps most of all, we're thankful for our doctors, nurses, healthcare workers and support staff. You have now spent the better part of two years trying to save us from this disease, while helplessly watching too many of us die and even more of us suffer, often while working long hours away from your families and stifling your own fears of infection. And

you've done all of this while a portion of your charges have been indifferent to your advice, if not downright hostile. As a community, we owe you a debt we can never repay. Thank you.

As 2021 draws to a close, we're reminded of those banners that were so popular in the pandemic's first months, loudly proclaiming above hospitals and grocery stores that "heroes work here." The truth is, we have lots of heroes in Humboldt County, working hard every day to take care of their neighbors and this place we all call home. We'd all do well to keep their efforts and sacrifices in mind, and endeavor to approach 2022 with all the gratitude and grace we can muster. We're going to need it. ●

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Zero Waste and New Year's Resolutions

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What do the Zero Waste philosophy and New Year's resolutions have in common?

They both come from hope for a better future.

Researchers say about 60 percent of us make New Year's resolutions, but only about 8 percent are successful in achieving them. In terms of reducing waste that contributes to global warming, this is significant. If eight percent of Americans (more than 26 million people) pledge to reduce by half their purchase of food and beverages in single use plastics, it would have a measurable difference in the marketplace. That eight percent can influence their friends, families, neighbors, coworkers and the stores where they shop. This is what is needed to reach the cultural tipping point to reduce waste, plastic pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

The Redwood Coast region's extreme natural beauty and the increasing damage that the climate crisis is causing worldwide drive Zero Waste Humboldt's mission urgency. New Year's resolutions for 2022 are a good start for reducing Humboldt County's annual disposal of 75 tons of waste. This is the year for average shoppers to become climate activists in their daily habits. Here are a few pointers to help you achieve your Zero Waste resolutions:

Progress not perfection

Behavioral scientists explain that one of the main reasons our New Year's resolutions fail is unrealistic expectations. In Zero Waste, it's all about progress, not perfection. Commit to replacing one plastic item at a time with a reusable, returnable or refillable package at the store, or

food serviceware at a restaurant or for a takeout order.

Buddy system support

Zero Waste New Year's resolutions are more successful with the Buddy System. Resolve to adopt new waste reduction habits with the support of a friend by tracking progress and sharing ideas to put you both into the eight percent who have lasting success.

Set measurable goals

Photos are an easy way to visually monitor your consumption of single use plastics each month. How much space is in your curbside garbage container? Often less cost is an outcome of reduced waste. How much money have you saved? For example, water in single use plastic bottles is more expensive than using your filtered tap water and your reusable water bottle. The average plastic bottle of water costs more than \$1.30. The water itself accounts for less than \$0.00001.

Most important, have those essential conversations where you shop

Meaningful connections and learning to have difficult conversations with fellow human beings has become even more important since the pandemic started. I've been observing a slowly growing number of consumers having discussions with store managers and employees responsible for purchasing. If eight percent of a Humboldt grocery store's regular customers kindly made it known to the store manager they don't want to buy food and beverages in single-use plastics, it will

eventually influence the store to choose less wasteful suppliers.

Here are a few good examples for Zero Waste New Year's resolutions:

1. I resolve to contact store managers when I have less wasteful and less plastic packaging alternatives to suggest for their store.

2. I resolve to replace purchase of beverages in plastics with returnable and refillable glass bottles. Several opportunities now exist in Humboldt for returnable milk, beer, kombucha, cider and other beverage bottles.

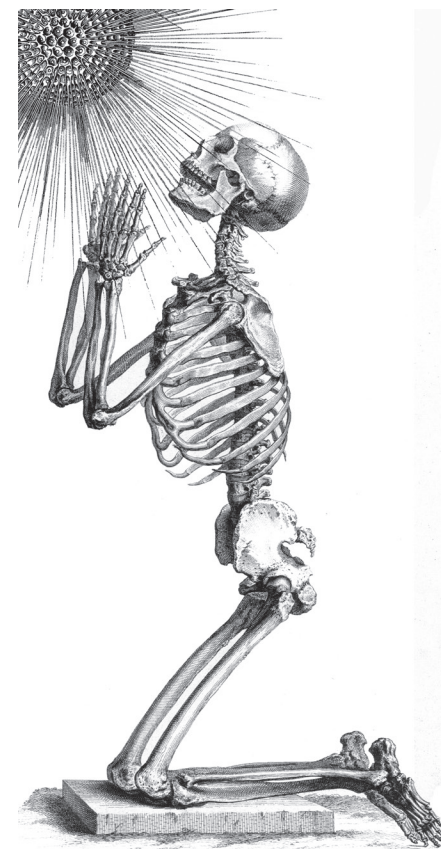
3. I resolve to keep in my car a bag of reusable Tupperware, water bottles, coffee cups and utensils for takeout orders, dining leftovers or bags for shopping.

4. I resolve to make my own toothpaste, yogurt and other items to eliminate these containers.

5. I resolve to make my own household cleaners with baking soda and vinegar, etc. Proctor & Gamble and Kimberly Clark have misled consumers that we need a different cleaner for everything — windows, floors, bathrooms, etc. — and each in different plastic containers.

Do you have Zero Waste resolutions on your New Year's resolutions list? Share them by email with zerowastehumboldt@gmail.com. Zero Waste Humboldt has more practical tips and support! Remember, reducing waste is climate action. In 2022, it's urgent. ●

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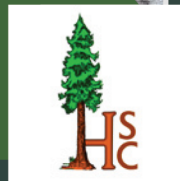


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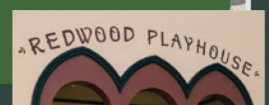
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HumCo Braces for Omicron

As the *Journal* went to press Dec. 28, Humboldt County Public Health confirmed 23 new cases of COVID-19, making 759 so far in the month of December.

Potentially more troubling than the overall case rate, though, is Humboldt County's high test-positivity rate, or the percentage of samples taken locally that return positive for the virus.

After recording a test-positivity rate of 10.1 percent in July — the highest for any month since the pandemic began — the rate in Humboldt County jumped to 15.9 percent in August and 15.2 percent in September. In October, it dipped to 12.1 percent but rose to 14.2 percent in November and sat at 14.3 percent through the first 28 days of December.

While the seven-day average test-positivity rate for the nation sits at 12 percent and California's has risen to 5.4 percent, Humboldt County's is 14.9 percent.

When the *Journal* went to press, Humboldt County had yet to see a confirmed case of the highly contagious Omicron variant — believed to be two or three times more transmissible than the Delta variant. But officials have warned they believe it is only a matter of time before the virus is confirmed locally and quickly becomes the dominant strain, as it has elsewhere.

Public Health officials continue to stress that the best way for residents to protect themselves from COVID-19 and variants like Omicron is to get vaccinated, wear masks indoors and in crowded places, ventilate indoor spaces, get tested immediately regardless of vaccination status if any cold- or flu-like symptoms develop and stay home when sick. Officials also say eligible residents — including all those age 16 and older who are six months or more out from their second dose of the vaccine

— should get their booster shots, as well. Studies indicate vaccination continues to provide strong protection against severe illness and death.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control has designated Humboldt County as an area of high community transmission and recommends holding gatherings outdoors when possible, limiting the number of participants in indoor gatherings, adjusting the indoor layout to allow for physical distancing and enhancing the ventilation of indoor spaces.

A state database showed 10 people currently hospitalized with COVID-19 locally as of Dec. 28, with none under intensive care. The local hospital census peaked Sept. 3 with 42 COVID-19 patients. Public Health reported Dec. 17 that Humboldt's seven-day average case rate was at 14, meaning that for every 100,000 residents, 14 tested positive for the virus daily over the last seven days. But the case rate varies by vaccination status, with the unvaccinated seeing an average case rate of 16 per 100,000 residents compared to nine for the fully vaccinated.

The CDC published a study indicating unvaccinated individuals are 11 times more likely to die of COVID-19 and 10 times more likely to be hospitalized than their fully vaccinated counterparts.

Public Health plans to hold the following vaccination clinics over the coming week:
Eureka — Monday, Jan. 3, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Closed from noon to 1 p.m.
Public Health Main Office (529 I St.)
Pfizer/Johnson & Johnson/Moderna
No testing available
\$25 gift card for adults receiving a first or second dose
Appointments required.
Eureka — Tuesday, Jan. 4, 9 to 11:30 a.m.
Public Health Main Office (529 I St.)

Snowed



Submitted

A large winter storm hit Humboldt County over the weekend of Dec. 25, dumping large amounts of snow in areas of higher elevation. The snow wreaked havoc on some areas, toppling trees and bringing down limbs that blocked roadways, damaged homes and took out power lines. As the *Journal* went to press Dec. 28, State Route 299 (pictured above) reopened between Blue Lake and Willow Creek as crews from PG&E, Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol continued work to clear the roadway. *POSTED 12.28.21*

Ages 16 and older
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Eureka Pediatric — Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1:15 to 4 p.m.
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Ages 5 to 11
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Willow Creek — Tuesday, Jan. 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed from noon to 1 p.m.
Public Health Office (77 Walnut Way)
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PCR and rapid testing available
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Appointments strongly recommended.

— Thadeus Greenson
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Digitally Speaking

36 The number of Humboldt County jail inmates who tested positive for COVID-19 in a recent outbreak confined to a single housing unit, though Sheriff's Office spokesperson Samantha Karges told the *Journal* on Dec. 27 that no inmates had tested positive in the past three days despite testing daily, making officials hopeful the outbreak had been contained.
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They Said It

"The county of Humboldt is requesting all available response and recovery assistance from the state of California as deemed appropriate by Gov. Newsom, including funding under the California Disaster Assistance Act and the federal Stafford Act."
— A press release announcing Humboldt County Sheriff William Honsal had declared a local emergency due to the winter snow storm that created life-threatening conditions in some parts of the county and caused widespread damage.
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Comment of the Week

"While I understand libertarian arguments against vaccine mandates, such arguments are just silly when it comes to people who are in a position to cause an outbreak of a deadly disease in a confined facility where people have little ability of their own to prevent coming into contact with infected persons."
— Mitch Trachtenberg commenting on the *Journal's* website on a story about the COVID-19 outbreak in the Humboldt County jail. *POSTED 12.21.21*



The Top 10 Stories of 2021

By North Coast Journal Staff

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Sue-meg State Park. Photo by Greg Nyquist

It is an inescapable truth: COVID-19, as it was last year, is this year's single most impactful story. Its nasty little fingerprints are everywhere, from our overwhelmed health care system and our struggling businesses to our mourning neighbors and exhausted families. Humboldt County spent the entirety of 2021 in the throes of the pandemic, having lost 100 residents to the disease by the time the *Journal* went to press Dec. 28.

But as overwhelming as COVID-19 has been, life continued around the pandemic in a way it largely didn't in 2020. Kids went back to school with protocols that looked a bit more normal, more of us returned to work and, well, news abounded. So where we devoted the entirety of our annual Top 10 list to the virus last year, this year the *Journal* has decided to offer a more varied look at the stories that shaped us in 2021 and beyond. But as we reflect back on the year that was, it's imperative that we not become numb to the tremendous toll of this pandemic, nor ignore the fact that it infected, hospitalized and killed more of us in 2021 than it had in 2020. For as much as we are all exhausted and ready for this to be over, it is clearly not.

Thadeus Greenson

Sue-meg Restored

The Yurok people have called the coastal area north of Trinidad — located in the heart of their ancestral lands — Sue-meg since time immemorial but it bore a different name for more than 100 years.

That changed Sept. 30, when the State Parks and Recreation Commission voted unanimously to — as one commissioner said — “restore the name” Sue-meg to the Patrick's Point State Park unit at the request of the Yurok Tribe.

The change was the first for a State Park under California's “Reexamining Our Past Initiative,” which was launched by the state last year to address what California Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot described as “historic names that stem from a dark legacy that includes discrimination, violence and inequity.”

Several members of the Yurok Tribe talked to the commission about the importance of giving the land back its rightful name and removing the moniker that referred to Patrick Beegan, an Irish immigrant who briefly laid claim to the jutting peninsula in the 1850s as whites infiltrated the area amid the gold rush.

Historians believe Beegan to be responsible for numerous atrocities, including the

murders of Native Americans — among them a young Yurok boy. Beegan lost the property when fleeing law enforcement in connection with the killing.

Yurok Tribal Heritage Preservation Officer Rosie Clayborn told the commission that restoring the name Sue-meg carries a great meaning to the Yurok people and is an act that bridges both the past and the future.

“It gives a more balanced and just world for not only Yurok children but to all children,” she said.

Kimberly Wear

Auditor-controller Acrimony

Years of ongoing issues with the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller's Office came to a head in 2021, almost ensuring the messy conflict will spill into 2022.

Elected in 2018 after raising alarm that the county's auditing practices amounted to little more than a rubber-stamp, leaving the county gravely at risk of fraud and waste, Auditor-Controller Karen Paz Dominguez has been a polarizing figure from the start. Several outside reports

have seemingly buttressed her statements that the county's accounting practices were inadequate and her office was short staffed, but in 2021 her office repeatedly failed to meet basic deadlines and perform essential functions, which county department heads and outside agencies have said is putting revenue streams at risk.

Numerous boards — including the Fortuna Union High School District Board and the county's Workforce Development Board — issued no-confidence votes in her office, saying its delays in closing the county's 2019-2020 single audit were putting grants and state and federal funding at risk.

In November, after a payroll processing error caused delays in all county employees getting their direct deposits, with some also reportedly paid incorrect amounts, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors voted 3-2, with supervisors Mike Wilson and Steve Madrone dissenting, to pass a no-confidence vote in Paz Dominguez, an extraordinary — and entirely symbolic — public rebuke of a fellow elected official. The county staff report for the vote was blunt, saying Paz Dominguez's tenure “has been marred with deficiencies” and listing more than two dozen grievanc-

es with her office, from the outstanding single audit to her “failure to take responsibility for her actions.”

Paz Dominguez, meanwhile, has repeatedly maintained her office is doing the best it can with a short staff, dependent on other departments to work within new systems and provide fiscal documentation to do its job.

While the situation is a complicated mess, there is at least some hope voters — who will hold Paz Dominguez’ professional fate in their hands at the polls in 2022 — will get some clarity in the coming months, as the Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury, a third-party investigator hired by the county and the state Controller’s Office have all launched investigations into the county’s financial reporting processes.

Thadeus Greenson

Murder and Heartbreak in Bear River

Tragedy struck Humboldt County early this year when, on the morning of Feb. 10, the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria Reservation lost three residents, Nikki Dion Metcalf and Margaret Lee Moon, both 40, and Moon’s 16-year-old daughter, Shelly Autumn Mae Moon, all fatally shot in their home by then 18-year-old Mauricio Eduardo Johnson.

A Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office investigation revealed that Johnson was a “friend” of the family and had permission to be in the house prior to the early-morning shooting. On Feb. 11, Johnson was arrested in Utah while traveling with his mother, Melissa Sanchez Johnson, and her

friend Von Keener, reportedly heading to a friend or family member’s residence in Indiana. In May, Johnson was extradited to Humboldt County, where he would plead guilty to three counts of first-degree murder in a controversial plea agreement in October.

Metcalf and Margaret and Shelly Moon’s deaths had profound impacts on the Bear River and Loleta communities. Metcalf and Margaret Lee Moon had become engaged on Christmas Eve, and Shelly and Margaret Lee Moon both worked at Loleta Elementary School as aides, tutoring students and working in the afterschool program.

Johnson faces 150 years to life in prison and is scheduled to be sentenced in January.

Iridian Casarez

Countdown to Cal Poly Humboldt

Come January, the California State University Board of Trustees is slated to decide whether to rebrand Humboldt State University as California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt — or Cal Poly Humboldt, for short.

If approved, the change would go into effect immediately.

President Tom Jackson, Jr. presented the trustees with a formal request to change the name Nov. 9, part of the process for HSU to become the state’s third polytechnic university in the CSU system and the only one in the northern end of the state.

Over the summer, HSU received an

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Investigators process the scene of what’s believed to have been Humboldt County’s first triple homicide in decades the morning of Feb. 10.

Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office

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How safe are COVID-19 vaccines?

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What about new variants? Should I wait?

With more people vaccinated fewer variants can develop. Our current vaccines are safe and effective against COVID-19, though we may need boosters or new vaccines to tackle new variants. Getting vaccinated is the best way to prevent COVID-19 infection, hospitalization, and long-term health impacts. Ask your provider about making the best choice for you and your family right now.



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historic \$458 million investment from the state that will fast track new academic programs (science, technology, engineering, math), building renovations, upgraded laboratory spaces, additional student housing, expanded broadband and renewable energy research capacity as part of the transition.

With the Cal Poly designation, HSU forecasts a rapid increase in enrollment over the next few years, growing from this fall's student class of about 5,500 to nearly 11,000 students by 2028.

A self-study done by campus officials notes the "limited off-campus" housing opportunities in the area but states HSU is planning to accommodate around 4,000 students in campus housing by 2028, beginning with around 800 beds via the Craftsman's Mall project by 2024.

Kimberly Wear

The Hope and Frustration of Vaccines

When 2020 came to a close, with COVID-19 cases beginning to surge in Humboldt County, fueled by holiday gatherings and travel, the promise of a safe and effective vaccine shone like a beacon on the horizon. Yolanda Stevens, an occupational health supervisor at Mad River Community Hospital, became the county's first to receive a COVID-19 vaccine on Dec. 15, 2020, and people celebrated the New Year, eager for the rollout of max vaccination clinics that would hopefully put the pandemic behind us.

Locals lined up by the thousands in February and March to get their shots, and vaccinated teachers and staff allowed local schools to reopen their doors to in-person instruction. But for many, hope had morphed into frustration by April amid news that scores of vaccination appointments were going unfilled. Vaccination rates locally have continued to lag behind the state average.

And as breakthrough infections of fully vaccinated individuals abound, the vaccinations have proven very effective at preventing severe illness and death — the vast majority of Humboldt County's hospitalizations and deaths have been unvaccinated residents, mirroring state and national data.

In that sense, history will remember 2021 with a layer of avoidable tragedy that was absent amid all the grief and loss of 2020, which saw 22 local residents die of COVID-19. As the *Journal* went to press Dec. 28, 100 local residents had died of COVID-19 in 2021, the vast majority of them preventable.

Thadeus Greenson



A recent storm surge sent waves overtopping the riprap rock slope protection at Buhne Hill in front of the nuclear waste storage site in King Salmon. *Photo by Aldaron Laird*

Climate Crisis on the North Coast

California saw a total of more than 8,600 wildfire incidents, with about 2.6 million acres of land burned and 3,629 structures damaged or destroyed in 2021, which continued a troubling trend of longer, more intense wildfire seasons in recent years. And once again, Humboldt County was not spared.

For weeks, the county was surrounded by four wildfires, including the Monument Fire east of Willow Creek, the McCash Fire near Somes Bar in Siskiyou County, the McFarland Fire south of State Route 36 and the River Complex fire in the Klamath National Forest, which combined to

char more than 640,082 acres, prompting evacuations and threatening entire communities.

Climate change experts have said that California's wildfire seasons will continue to become worse, especially given the state's historic drought. This year was the second driest year on record due to extreme heat and lack of rain and snow and the summer saw several Humboldt County cities, including Rio Dell and Trinidad, declared drought emergencies and ask residents to conserve water.

In May, Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a drought emergency in 41 counties, including Humboldt, before expanding the declaration in October to include the entire state.

Meanwhile, efforts to use controlled burns to manage forest health and make communities more fire-safe have continued to gain momentum, with the Klamath River Prescribed Fire Training Exchange growing to span a record seven weeks this year.

Here's hoping 2022 brings lots of snow and rain.

Iridian Casarez

Texts and Turmoil at EPD

The city of Eureka was rocked in March by an explosive report in the *Sacramento*

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Bee detailing a host of leaked text messages that had reportedly been sent between a group of police officers led by veteran Sgt. Rodrigo Reyna-Sanchez. The texts, which were later confirmed by the *Journal* through a public records request that also unearthed additional incendiary messages, contained vulgar, misogynistic, violent and dehumanizing language, and immediately prompted widespread condemnation, as well as protests calling for the officers to be fired.

Then Police Chief Steve Watson promptly put Reyna-Sanchez and officer Mark Meftah, who combined to send the vast majority of the offensive messages, on leave. The city hired Sacks, Ricketts and Case, a Bay Area law firm, to conduct a full investigation. Capt. Patrick O'Neill was then placed on administrative leave in May, pending an investigation, though it remains unclear if that was related.

This month, after a months-long investigation by Sacks, Ricketts and Case and a months-long legal review by another outside firm, Eureka City Manager Miles Slattery confirmed to the *Journal* that the city was moving forward with disciplinary actions against five officers as a result of the texting probe. Slattery said he couldn't disclose who was disciplined or what actions were taken, noting the officers still have the ability to appeal under the Police Officers' Bill of Rights, though he said the city hopes to be as transparent as possible once the process is complete.

Watson, meanwhile, announced he was resigning his post Dec. 1 — insisting the decision was about family and unrelated to the texting scandal that had drawn national headlines. Capt. Brian Stephens has stepped in as acting police chief while the city works to appoint an interim chief.

Whoever takes on the role will face immediate challenges. In addition to completing the disciplinary process for the



Four hydroelectric dams along the Klamath River stymie flows and raise water temperatures, leading to toxic algal blooms. Photo by Stormy Staats

texting five, the new chief will also inherit a department in which one of every four officer positions sits vacant, forcing officers to work emergency schedules built around 12.5-hour shifts and mandatory overtime, as the law enforcement staffing shortage felt regionally, statewide and nationally has taken a toll.

Thadeus Greenson

Recycling in the Trash

If you've been following the *Journal's* coverage of all things recycling, includ-

ing California's Refund Value recycling program, you know the state's system is broken for rural counties like Humboldt. This came into sharp focus in 2021, which saw Humboldt pass an entire calendar year without a CRV center where residents could redeem their deposits.

California's Bottle Bill law was written and enacted about 35 years ago as a way of incentivizing recycling and, for a long time, it worked. But when China passed its National Sword policy and stopped accepting recycling from other countries, the value of all recyclable material (like

plastics, glass and aluminum) tumbled. In rural areas like Humboldt, where transportation costs are high, this caused the system to collapse.

When Humboldt's last CRV redemption site closed at the end of 2020 due to overwhelming demand, residents were left without a place to redeem the 5 to 10 cent deposits paid when they purchased a bottle or can. This also posed a problem for retailers, as the law also states that when there are no redemption centers available for people to redeem their deposits, grocery stores and markets must take on

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For Humboldt's smaller grocery stores and gas stations, the responsibility of taking on CRV services was burdensome, and the \$100-per-day fee was costly, and some simply refused to pay the fees or collect recyclables.

The situation left many Humboldt residents simply forfeiting their container deposits, though some opted to drive their recyclables to Hambro Recycling in Crescent City. So many did this, in fact, that Hambro announced it would be opening a center in Arcata and, though the project has hit numerous delays, the company expects it to open in February.

Iridian Casarez

Crisis on the Klamath

If it was in any way unclear previously, 2021 cemented the notion that the project to remove four hydroelectric dams choking the Klamath River is, in fact, a race to save the river's struggling salmon populations.

While the year opened on the heels of a huge announcement in November of 2020 that an agreement had been salvaged between the Karuk, Yurok and Klamath tribes, the states of California and Oregon, and PacifiCorp to remove the company's four dams, improving water quality and opening hundreds of miles of spawning habitat, it quickly became clear drought conditions were potentially catastrophic.

In April, the Yurok Tribe announced its project monitoring juvenile Chinook salmon found that more than 70 percent of the young fish were dead on some stretches of the river, with almost all testing positive for the deadly pathogen known as C. shasta. The Karuk Tribe de-

clared a climate emergency the following month, warning of a massive fish kill that could result in the loss of an "entire generation of salmon."

At an August hearing, local, tribal and state officials warned we are all "witnessing the collapse" of the Pacific salmon fishery, while the Karuk Tribe reported later that month that a survey of Chinook salmon on the Klamath spotted just 95 of the fish where hundreds of thousands once swam.

Ironically, it was the smoke from devastating, climate-crisis fueled wildfires that may have prevented the full collapse, as it blocked out the sun for weeks in late August and September, likely preventing water temperatures on the river from rising to levels that would have killed scores of the remaining fish.

In November, the Klamath River Renewal Corporation — a nonprofit formed to oversee dam removal — announced it was on track to begin removing the four hydroelectric dams in early 2023. Some regulatory hurdles loom in 2022 — including a review under the National Environmental Policy Act — and whether the nonprofit can clear them and hold firm to its timeline might well determine whether there are still salmon waiting to swim upriver when those dams come down.

Thadeus Greenson

Delta Surges

The surge in COVID-19 case counts and hospitalizations officials had warned of for months hit Humboldt County hard beginning in July, with the arrival of the highly contagious Delta Variant on the North Coast.

Case counts quadrupled in a matter of weeks and hospitalizations followed, with the local hospital COVID-19 census

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A volunteer fills a syringe with the Pfizer vaccine at a mass clinic held by Mad River Community Hospital at Pacific Union Elementary School. Photo by Mark McKenna

peaking at 42 on Sept. 3, as exhausted health officials warned of reverberating impacts and triaged care, while new cases, hospitalizations and deaths surged to record rates.

Over a four-month period stretching from July through October, Delta would take a terrible toll on Humboldt County, racking up more new cases of the virus (4,752), hospitalizations (212) and deaths (62) than the county had seen over the entire 16-month course of the pandemic to that point. While the surge prompted Humboldt County Health Officer Ian Hoffman to re-impose a masking mandate, health officials largely held off on implementing other mitigation measures, promoting vaccination as the thing that would claw Humboldt County out of the pandemic.

As 2021 comes to a close, Delta remains the predominant COVID-19 strain in Humboldt County, where case rates remain elevated. But all indications are that the new Omicron variant will soon be confirmed to be circulating locally and will then overtake Delta, as it has in other areas.

First identified in Botswana and South Africa in November, the variant has a distinctive combination of more than 50 mutations and early evidence suggests they make it far more transmissible — two or three times, by some estimates — than Delta and less susceptible to existing COVID-19 vaccines. By Dec. 18, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control estimated it was accounting for nearly 75 percent of new infections in the United States.

While early studies have shown that natural immunity and vaccination are far less effective at preventing Omicron infections, they also indicated full vaccination plus a booster shot does provide strong protections against the variant. (Full vaccination, while less effective at preventing transmission, does still appear to protect against severe disease and death.)

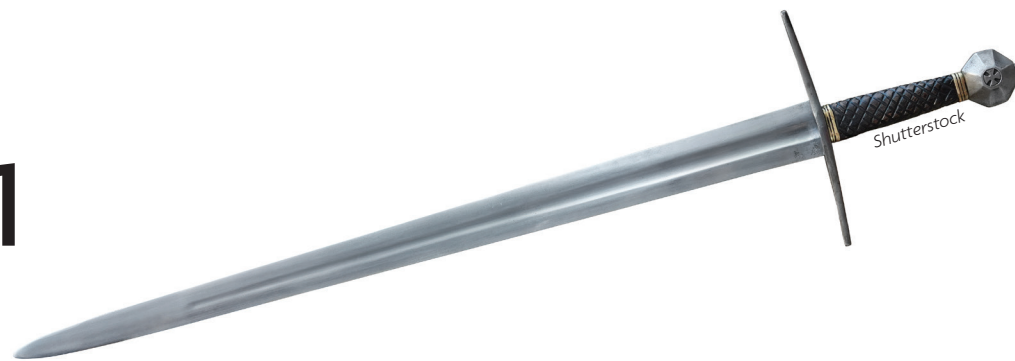
Will Omicron fuel a devastating Delta-like surge in Humboldt County? It's too soon to know, but it seems clear whether it does will prove one of the most determinant storylines of 2022.

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Top 10 Dick Moves of 2021

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Philosophical question: Does committing a dick move — a petty, selfish chipping away of the social contract that one could have absolutely skipped and been fine — make one a dick forever? Are we our worst dick moves? I think not. Mostly. But if dicks are as dicks do, then 2021 was a real sausage fest in Humboldt, as evidenced by this catalog of shitheel-ery. Do better. Shouldn't be that tough.

10. Random window smashers. I absolutely get why people break glass in cases of emergency, like stealing to survive, to feed an addiction or because an adorable pet has been left in a hot car. (Test me on that last one.) But the hurling of objects through the windows of mom-and-pop shops just for kicks during a pandemic that's left many of them barely hanging on is strictly for dumbasses and dicks. It's left too many people with plywood storefronts, repair costs and, at best, weeks of insurance red tape. I hope the next rock bounces back in your dicky direction.

9. Pop-up anti-maskers. Mask-holes made the list last year for their general dangerous foolishness. But this year, it's the special bunch that showed up en masse at Eureka Natural Foods in October to bare their poorly informed faces in protest like an agro flash mob that was too lazy to learn the "Thriller" dance. In a response, ENF rightly referred to the group tantrum as "harassment" and "abuse" neither customers nor staff should have had to endure. It's worth noting that, as usual, this synchronized idiocy went down at a food service business — an industry whose workers have borne the brunt of the entitled rage of pandemic putzes — not at, say, a bank with guards. It's not bravery, it's dickery.

8. Anti-vax public comment hogs. When I flip to Access Humboldt or Zoom in to watch a local government or school board meeting, I am engaging in democracy. I'm witnessing the work of my elected officials and, hopefully, some dude with a guitar who came to complain about his neighbor's dog in song. What I didn't come for is 40 minutes of batshit YouTube audio and debunked theories from Facebook memes. We need to make some serious decisions about public

health and instead of doing the required reading, you're mainlining conspiracy theories, so please put your hand down. Not only does it turn public comment into a megaphone for dangerous misinformation, but being chained to this hamster wheel of crazy is actually making me miss Lady Who Hates Homeless People and Chemtrail Dude. OK, not Chemtrail Dude. (**Rubs temples*.) So, so dicky.

7. Sword thief/thieves. COVID-19 has been brutal on local theaters and robbed us of a source of expression, community, catharsis and solace in a time when we need it most. And yet, in October, some loathsome toad(s) still broke into North Coast Repertory Theatre and stole the prop swords from its production of *Hamlet*. Some were hand-forged and on loan from friends of the theater. To pick from Shakespeare's dramas: *Thou art a boil, a plague sore. You froward and unable worm. You bolting-hutch of beastliness. Rooting hog. Puke stocking. Would thou were clean enough to spit upon. Thou rag. Eater of broken meats. You bull's pizzle. Thou dick.* (OK, the last one was mine.)

6. Ring thief/thieves. Remember when Eureka's sister city Nelson in New Zealand gifted it with one of only 100 giant replicas of the ring from the *Lord of the Rings* movie? Well, keeping it secret and keeping it safe didn't work out, as scoundrels boosted our One True Ring from city hall in a November burglary. (According to the Eureka Police Department, there's nothing to suggest fellowship with the aforementioned sword theft.) Were they drawn by its terrible power, called to this dark act as the ring, working hard to return to its master, whispered to them from its hiding spot? Or were they just being dicks? Either way, here's hoping they, like Gollum, are possessed and tormented by its magic until somebody finally drops a dime on them to the police or the Nazgul.

5. St. Mark's Lutheran Church. In June, the sign outside the Ferndale church read, "Hurt by LGBTQ Culture? Healing Here." Healing? Looks like Pastor Tyrel Bramwell misspelled bigotry. That dicktastic statement brought down a hail of rainbows as the LGBTQ+ community and its allies organized an answering Pride march through

the Victorian Village and in front of the church. Supportive signs and chants drowned out the toxic little message and reminded good people to love their neighbors as themselves and not to do unto others like dicks.

4. Homophobic tree killer. It reads like a horrible Mad Lib but here we are. Also in June (Pride Month, people, come on), some tool destroyed the little rainbow flags in the community garden at 18th and H streets in Arcata. Folks there responded with a small but colorful protest against the hateful bullshit, waving flags and signs, and festooning a tree with rainbow ornaments. A tree some absolute dick cut down the next day. (Sidebar: Were they mad because they thought the decorated tree was ... gay? If so, Christmas must have been very stressful.) That tree was just chilling, absorbing carbon dioxide, giving us summer leafiness. Hacking it down was a cowardly threat by someone who could have simply minded their own heterosexual business. This bag of dicks runneth over.

3. People who showed up to defend an actual Nazi collaborator. In June, the California Department of Parks and Recreation announced the removal of a plaque dedicating a forest and elk refuge to Madison Grant, a founder of the Save the Redwoods League who promoted "racist, anti-Asian, eugenicist and anti-miscegenation laws." Grant wrote a book on eugenics so heinous it drew fan mail from Adolf Hitler and won him a gig brainstorming Nazi guidelines for removing "racially Jewish" Germans from the population with Holocaust war criminal Hermann Göring. New signage includes the context his plaque-mounting pals hoped to obscure. And yet, there they were in the comments: concerned devil's advocates, panicking over "cancel culture." *But what about the trees he saved?* I don't see a plaque for Native communities that managed not to reduce the forests to stumps for millennia. *But if we tear down all the monuments to disgusting racists who contributed to attempted genocide ...* Um, we won't have monuments to disgusting racists who contributed to genocide? A slippery slope, indeed — one that's paved with dicks.

2. Media outlets putting people in crisis on blast. Just because a mugshot is released by local law enforcement doesn't mean you have to publish it. Those images have their purposes, like documenting crime and arrests, warning residents about potentially dangerous individuals and proving how sparse my eyebrows are without makeup. But when it comes to someone who's clearly experiencing a mental health crisis, maybe blasting their name and photo all over the internet forever isn't helpful. Not just to them or their attempts to regain control over their lives, but in terms of stigmatizing mental illness. It's not doing much to inform the public and I have yet to see a readership survey that finds people are hankering for this brand of tragedy porn. It's a choice. Unless decades of working in news media have worn you down to a soulless, burnt coffee-scented husk, you should feel in your gut what a dick move it is the second it goes live. And you can stop anytime.

1. Texting scandal enablers. Thing is, most of the horrendous texts that have embroiled the Eureka Police Department in the scandal that broke in the *Sacramento Bee* in March are far worse than dick moves. The messages sent by members of Sgt. Rodrigo Reyna-Sanchez's unit — misogynist, mocking the homeless and mentally ill, joking about shooting a military veteran in crisis — are a betrayal of the officers' sworn duties and the public's trust. They are proof they aren't fit to serve or protect people for whom they clearly have no respect and in whom they see no humanity. But while someone finally leaked those text messages, others let them go and said nothing as their co-workers patrolled the streets armed and unfit. And when the texts were leaked, some brushed them off as "locker room talk" or people just "letting off steam." Inaction and dismissal are dick moves, too. And to enable "a few bad apples," it takes a whole bushel of dicks. ●

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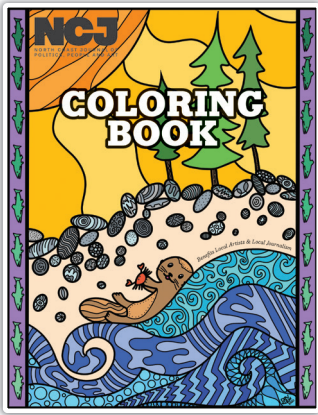
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High-style lo mein with local Dungeness crab.
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A Crab Feast, Lo Mein Style

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Crab season has arrived as scheduled, and the catch is quite meaty this year. For some, having crab for Christmas is a whole-some tradition. For me, I can't picture myself picking stray crab meat out of my Christmas table decorations after I spend so much time setting them up nicely, ha ha! However, I don't mind having a few dishes made with fresh crab meat for the holidays, such as the ever popular crab cheese puffs, crab dip or Korean crispy crab pancakes. One of my favorite crab dishes is fresh crab lo mein with a ginger, garlic and scallion sauce. If you are really busy cooking over the holidays, you could buy picked crab meat for this dish. I like to experience the whole drama, from going to the dock and chatting with the fishermen to picking out the biggest crabs for steaming, to finally cleaning and picking the crabs. For this holiday, I wanted to feast on lo mein with crab. "Lo" in Chinese cooking terms means to toss and "mein" means noodles. There are some similarities to seafood pasta, but this sauce is made with a flavorful mix of staple Chinese ingredients. The taste is so refreshing and satisfying. You can serve it as a main or a side dish, and it will still be a fancy show-stopper. Wishing you all happy feasting for the end of the year!

Crab Lo Mein

Serves 3 to 4.

1 pound fresh won ton noodles or dried Asian-style egg noodles

1 ½ cup freshly picked crab meat (approximately 2 whole cooked crabs)
2 tablespoons minced garlic
1 thumb-sized piece of ginger, thinly sliced then slivered into matchsticks
8 stalks of green onion, finely chopped, saving a few green pieces for garnish
2 handfuls beans sprouts or leafy green vegetable of your choice (optional)
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 tablespoons soy sauce
1 tablespoon oyster sauce
Pinch of salt

Cook the noodles according to the package instructions. You can throw the vegetables in and cook them with the noodles for the last 2-3 minutes. If using fresh noodles, make sure to rinse them well with cold water after cooking to remove excess starch before setting them aside.

Heat the oil in a large pan or wok until sizzling. Add the garlic and fry for 1 minute. Then add the ginger and green onion, and cook for 1 minute until aromatic. Add the soy sauce, oyster sauce and salt to make a thin sauce.

Add the noodles and vegetables, using chopsticks to toss and mix the ingredients for 1 minute. Add the crab and toss until it's evenly distributed and coated with sauce. Transfer the noodles to a serving dish and garnish with green onion. Serve immediately. ●

You can find Home Cooking with Wendy Chan (she/her) classes benefitting local charities on Facebook.

Cocktails to Toast the End of 2021

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It's not a great year for hitting the party circuit on New Year's Eve. But that doesn't mean you can't see 2021 out with fancy cocktails. Try your hand at timely mixology with libations inspired by the year we've had. It's been a doozy so be warned, they're strong. Cheers!

The Stolen Election

Ingredients:

1 empty bottle of your choice

Ice cubes

Steps:

Make a tremendous production of pouring and mixing the imaginary contents of the bottle into a tumbler, smelling it and swirling the ice around. Grimace to suggest a "burn" as it goes down and begin slurring and gesturing wildly until somebody finally is compelled to check the bottle and your glass for liquor, at which point you demand an investigation into everyone else's drinks and collapse face down into a My Pillow.

Roe v. Wade Gravedigger

Ingredients:

1 ounce rum

1 ounce bourbon

1 tablespoon superfine sugar

Ice (optional)

Steps:

In a tumbler, stir the rum and bourbon. Actually, skip the tumbler. Do you have any beer steins? I know it says an ounce each but just fill the stein with whatever rum and bourbon you've got. Pour the sugar into one hand and sip with the other, watching the granules slip through your fingers like your reproductive rights and the medical, financial and bodily autonomy you've come to expect as an adult living in a supposedly free country. Yeah, we're gonna need bigger steins.

DIY Haircut

Ingredients:

1 bottle sambuca, divided

Hand mirror

1 cup water

Steps:

Pour 1 ounce sambuca into a shot glass and light it on fire. Lean in and take the shot slowly, allowing the hair over your eyes to catch fire and sizzle up into the hideous unintentional baby bangs you would have given yourself anyway. Douse the flames with water and examine results with the hand mirror as you drink as much sambuca as it takes to stop caring what you look like.

Insurrection Fizz

Ingredients:

1 can Monster

1 can Red Bull

1 mini-bar bottle Fireball

1 copy of the Constitution

Zip ties

Steps:

Pop open the Monster and chug it as you shake the Red Bull and Fireball in a chilled military surplus canteen. Add the zip ties and muddle lightly. Set the Constitution on fire and watch it curl into a crumbling, black ribbon, the ashes of which you will cut into half a dozen rails and snort through a rolled mail-in ballot. The zesty buzz is as close as you ever need to get to the thrill of recording yourself committing treason at the bidding of right-wing rich dudes who will absolutely not pay your bail.

Mass Shootini

Ingredients:

3 ounces gin

1 ounce dry vermouth

2 dashes orange bitters

Ice

687 olives

Steps:

Pour the gin, vermouth and bitters into a mixing glass filled halfway with ice. Stir the contents until well chilled and

strain into a Martini glass. Garnish with 687 olives, one for every mass shooting in the U.S. this year according to the Gun Violence Archive. Is that too many olives? A seemingly insane and untenable number of olives in a civilized society, especially when you look at all the other Martinis around the world? Well, sorry, we have a constitutionally protected right to olive proliferation in this country and there's absolutely nothing we can do to prevent it, so 687 is how many olives you get. Serve with thoughts and prayers.

The Billionaire

Ingredients:

2 ounces Billionaire Vodka, chilled on a

hunk of Arctic iceberg

3 karats flawless blood diamonds

1 teaspoon rendered fat of peasants

Steps:

In a crystal coupe, stir the diamonds into the vodka. Using the back of a golden spoon, float the peasant fat on top to create a pearly layer. Place the cocktail carefully in an overtly phallic rocket and launch it just high enough to crest the outer edge of the Earth's atmosphere, where it will do nobody any good at all.

Omicron Body Shot

Ingredients:

1 bottle low-quality tequila

1 pump bottle hand sanitizer

Lime wedges

Plastic tarp

Steps:

Jam a wedge of lime in your teeth like a boxer's mouth guard and place your

N95 mask to fit firmly over your nose and mouth. Place the tarp over a member of your bubble. Squirt the sanitizer on your hands, rubbing vigorously for 30 seconds, making sure you can feel every tiny paper cut. Then estimate roughly where a sexy but non-genital (don't make it weird) part of the other person's body might be under the tarp and place a shot glass of tequila there. Tap the exterior of your mask on the surface of the tequila so you smell it instead of your own weird breath. Yell, "Woo-hoo!" and wave your arms because you are going crazy tonight.

Canceled Plans

Ingredients:

1 bottle Champagne of your choice

1 box Franzia rosé

Steps:

Chill the Champagne in the refrigerator at least 2 ½ hours, or until it reaches 20 F (or 11 C). Place the bottle in an ice bucket and prepare tulip glasses, which will maximize both the bubbles and the bouquet. Just before opening the bottle, check the news and abruptly shut it down. Return the bubbly to the fridge. Pull on your sweats, pop the plastic spigot on the Franzia and drink it from a rinsed-out coffee mug on your couch. Repeat until gone. Not like you're trying to impress anybody.

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Sea to Summit: Fickle Hill

By Hollie Ernest

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Corrina still wanted to ride with me, which was remarkable, considering our last ride was a slightly hellacious, two-day endeavor. This time, we picked a Thursday evening to complete the "Top of the World" Sea to Summit challenge, glad to be ticking one off on a weeknight ("Sea to Summit Part 1: Bald Mountain," April 22). I loved that one of the designated peaks on the list of Humboldt challenges was this overlook just off Fickle Hill Road, because it meant that everyone who was interested in the series could do at least one. It was Corrina's brilliant idea to ride our mountain bikes up Fickle Hill Road and then drop into trails for the return trip.

We met up at 4 p.m., ambitiously late even for a long August day. We parked at Lighthouse Plaza Mini Golf in Samoa, only to realize the gates would be closed and locked before we returned. We shuffled the cars around the corner, unloaded the bikes again, ran into a co-worker of mine (because, apparently, I can't do a sea to summit without running into someone I know) and finally set off to touch the waves closer to 5 p.m.

We rode on the sandy path as long as we could, then walked our bikes through the dunes and their cordgrass, beach peas and yellow verberna. The sun was bright and the waves were a deep navy blue. This was my first time starting a Sea to Summit challenge in sunshine and the afternoon felt like it would last forever. To have a full day at work, then a small evening adventure made time feel stretched out.

We pedaled from Samoa toward Manila and passed Tuluwat Island, formerly known as Indian Island, which was violently taken from the Wiyot in 1860. One hundred and forty years later, the Wiyot Tribe purchased 1.5 acres of the island and, in 2004, the City of Eureka returned 40 acres to its rightful owners. Finally, on Oct. 21, 2019, the 200-acre island, where



The hard-earned view from the top of Fickle Hill.

Photo by Hollie Ernest

important ceremonies are held, was legally returned to the Wiyot Tribe, for whom it is the center of the universe ("The Island's Return," Oct. 24, 2019).

Around the northern mud flats of Humboldt Bay we rode, then it was up, up and way up Fickle Hill. The notoriously steep pavement reminded us of any and every shortcoming our bodies may have. We slowly pushed pedals to propel us and our carbon fiber machines uphill, conversation flowing between sections of heavy breathing. We talked about the Redwood Coast Mountain Bike Association and a trail builder that they had hired to work on the Hatchery Ridge trail system in Blue Lake. These trails are part of a partnership between RCMBA and Green Diamond that has developed over the years, and the trail builder, an old friend of mine named Shaggy Kidd, travels all over the U.S. and internationally building trails every summer. I kept an eye on the shadows crossing the road because this particular day he and his partner Caroline were on their way to my house. They would live with us for six weeks while he moved dirt and she worked remotely. We hadn't been able to find them their own place in times of COVID-19, so housemates we would be.

Corrina and I gratefully reached the top. The rocky outcrop is the perfect place from which to take in the 50 shades of fir and blue-green of the Mad River watershed. The circuitous path of the river leaves tightly folded, conifer-covered flanks from on it path Ruth Lake to the Pacific. Shadows had taken over the rock where we stood and were creeping north, reminding us not to dawdle. Did we bring lights? No, of course not.

Despite the gloriously sunny start, Humboldt is Humboldt and as we descended on the road, both of our hands

became completely numb and white in color. From the community forest entrance on Fickle Hill, there are a few trails to choose from to get you back down to town, if you decide to go that route. We descended over roots through the redwoods with plenty of whoops and hollers as we embraced the forest on a Thursday evening while the fog rolled in. Twisting through the trees, handlebars narrowly missed the bark, tires gripped the loam and it almost felt like the terrain was made for mountain bikes. We hit the pavement and sprinted back to Samoa in the last dregs of luminous, gray sunset.

Shivering, hungry, satisfied and smiling big, we said quick goodbyes and planned to ride together again soon. I had to rush home because Shaggy and Caroline were due any minute, and I wasn't proving to be a great hostess at the moment. I cleaned up in my usual frenzy (how else do people mop, really?) and started making cupcakes for a friend's birthday ride the next day. Yes, we are a people obsessed. Our guests arrived after their multi-week cross-country adventure, unloaded their bikes and quickly melded into our cozy household. I talked to Caroline so much while baking that the simplest of recipes took hours and I forgot to add the water. The cupcakes were still delicious, if a bit dense. The next week, Caroline, Corrina and I rode together in the forest, cementing friendships over a shared love of bikes on dirt, wildlife and filling the fun bucket to the last drop. ●

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Smith, Chetco Best Bets for Green Water

By Kenny Priest

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If your weekend plans involve the pursuit of winter steelhead, you'll need to point your vehicle north. The quick-clearing Smith and Chetco rivers are currently the only real options for the green water steelheaders crave. All Humboldt rivers are currently high and muddy, and that will likely continue through the weekend. There is a chance the upper reaches of the Van Duzen and South Fork Eel could come around by late in the weekend, but that will depend on snowmelt. If those rivers do come in, it will be short-lived, as the next storm is forecast to arrive Sunday and will put the rivers back on the rise.

Weather ahead

The forecast for the remainder of the work week is looking dry. The next round of storms is predicted to arrive sometime late Sunday and looks to be a prolonged rainfall event. Over the course of three to four days, we could see 3-plus inches of rain at sea level and higher amounts in the mountains.

2022 fishing license

A reminder that it's the time of the year to purchase your 2022 sport fishing license, which is required for residents 16 years of age or older to take fish, mollusks, crustaceans, invertebrates, amphibians or reptiles in inland or ocean waters. The cost of a new resident sport fishing license is \$54. A North Coast salmon report card, which will run you \$7.56, is required for all anglers taking salmon in the Smith River System or Klamath-Trinity River System. If you plan to fish for steelhead, you'll need to purchase a steelhead report card, which will cost \$8.38 this year. The Department of



Guide Michael McGahan of Brookings Fishing Charters holds a steelhead caught Dec. 17 on the Chetco River by Larry Clark of Brookings. Photo courtesy of Wild Rivers Fishing

Fish and Wildlife does not accept cash for fishing licenses. For more info, visit www.wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/fishing.

New sport rockfish regulations coming in 2022

In a press release issued Dec. 17, the CDFW announced multiple changes to the sport rockfish regulations starting in Jan. 1. Changes that pertain to the Northern Management area, which runs from the California-Oregon border south to Cape Mendocino include:

- Reducing the vermillion rockfish bag limit within the daily 10-fish RCG bag and possession limit from five to four.
- Adding a new sub-bag limit for quillback rockfish of one fish within the daily 10-fish RCG bag and possession limit.
- Adding a new sub-bag limit for copper rockfish of one fish within the daily 10-fish RCG bag and possession limit.

For the complete list of regulation changes, visit www.bit.ly/3z5tC5e.

The 2021 rockfish season in the Northern Management area will close for boat-based anglers Dec. 31. Rockfish is open year-round for divers and shore-based anglers. For more information about recreational groundfish regulations, visit www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean/Regulations/Groundfish-Summary#north.

The Rivers: Smith

The Smith dropped into fishable shape Sunday and conditions are now ideal. As of Tuesday, it was 9.5 feet at the Jed Smith gauge and dropping slowly. The snowmelt should keep the color pristine all week. The fishing has been decent, with a handful of steelhead being caught daily. The fishing pressure has been light, but that will change after the weekend.

Chetco

The Chetco is expected to come into shape this week after being blown out for nearly a week, reports Andy Martin of Wild Rivers Fishing. He said, "Plunkers did well over the weekend and on Monday, while drift boaters struggled to catch fish in high water. That will change as flows drop. The river crested at 11,000 cubic feet per second late last week but will be in the prime range of 2,500 cfs by the end of this week. Plunkers have been getting a nice mix of wild and hatchery steelhead." ●

Read the complete fishing report at www.northcoastjournal.com

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Calendar

Dec. 30, 2021 – Jan. 6, 2022



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Most of us want to wish 2021 a fond farewell from the safety of our homes — steering clear of Omicron and Delta — perhaps tuning in to Seacrest, Cyrus or Anderson and Andy, or having a few friends over for cocktails and charcuterie. But for those who are vaxxed (and hopefully boosted) and venturing out to ring in the New Year with other vaxxed (and hopefully boosted) people, there are a couple of shindigs to celebrate the hope of a new year.

Grateful Dead fans, clap your hands. **Melvin Seals & JGB** are in town for a special three-day **New Year's Eve** run to help you ring in 2022. Enjoy them and opens the Grateful Getdown **Wednesday, Dec. 29 through Dec. 31 at Blue Lake Casino & Hotel** (\$45-\$150.) Grooving with the Garcia Band requires a negative COVID test within 72 hours of attendance or proof of vaccination. There will be free, on-site rapid testing available. Wrassle up your tassels and top hats for **New Year's Eve 2022 - The Year of the Tiger on Friday, Dec. 31 at 9 p.m.** at the **Historic Eagle House** (\$40, \$35 advance, \$65 VIP). Fraktal Productions, Burning-leaf Productions and the Historic Eagle House present this night of revelry featuring live music, a midnight balloon drop, multiple bars, a chill room, Champagne toast and more festivities. They're also requiring ID, proof of negative COVID test or proof of vaccination at the door.



Submitted

The Sanctuary in Arcata has got a couple of fun, arty, COVID-compliant evenings in store for the weekend. Join them for **Professor Williker's Puppet Slam: Fables and Fey Stories on Friday, Dec. 31 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** (\$15), when Sean Powers, Violet Crabtree, James Hildebrandt, the Cowtown Serenaders, the J St. Puppeteers, the Kinetic Paranormal Society and others weave tales of the fae and other fables. Come back for a night of music and dancing with **James Zeller Trio and Blueberry Hill Boogie Band on Saturday, Jan. 1 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** (\$15). Both shows include a pop-up-art-shop where you can support Sanctuary artists and take home some cool stuff. Proof of COVID vaccination or negative PCR lab result (within 48 hours), ID and masks required for both events. Live stream available on the Sanctuary's Facebook page and YouTube channel.



Courtesy of Humboldt State University

The tide is high and uh, well, climate change is moving on. So. Let's turn our attention to what that means for the survival of humanity. That's an appropriate thing to do at the start of a new year with all its resolutions and promise, right? Join Friends of the Arcata Marsh for a **King Tide Tour on Sunday, Jan. 2 at 11 a.m.** at **Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary** (free). Meet leaders Elliott Dabill and Barbara Reisman at the Interpretive Center on South I Street, in the first parking lot, and learn about the "king" tides, why the tides are so much higher than normal, what's up with sea level rise and what will happen to Humboldt Bay as unchecked climate change marches on. But it's beautiful out there, too. So. Come on out. Masks required inside the Interpretive Center.

Heads up, folks: Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in the area, many events are in flux. Please check our online calendar for event changes and contact information before heading out. We'll do our best to update the rapidly changing info. At press time, these events are still on. Please remember the county mandatory masking ordinance is in place and mask up for yourself and your neighbors.

30 Thursday

ART

Online Art Fundraiser. 8 a.m. Virtual World, Online. Supporting Humboldt's first anthology of painters. Runs until Jan. 25, 2022. cmp10@humboldt.edu. www.kickstarter.com/projects/humboldt-art/community. 502-0523.

SPOKEN WORD

The Writers Lounge via Zoom. 7:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. A writing workshop geared toward stand-up and comedy. Zoom Room: 857 4217 6054. Password: writers. Join Zoom Meeting [www.us02web.zoom.us/j/85742176054?pwd=dWp4UGVqaUVVYQ0wze-kVnZkZOVlMzZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85742176054?pwd=dWp4UGVqaUVVYQ0wze-kVnZkZOVlMzZz09).

FOR KIDS

MARZ Project. Noon-5 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Humboldt and Del Norte county youth ages 12 to 26 learn to express themselves creatively in visual art, audio and video production. All MARZ students have free access to equipment, software and training. Meets via Zoom by appointment. Free. marzproject@inkpeople.org. 442-8413.

Virtual Junior Rangers. 11:30 a.m. Virtual World, Online. North Coast Redwoods District of California State Parks offers kids' programs and activities about coast redwoods, marine protected areas and more, plus Junior Ranger badges. Register online and watch live. www.bit.ly/NCRDVirtualJuniorRanger.

FOOD

Volunteer Orientation Food for People. 3-4 p.m. Help fight hunger and improve nutrition in the community. Visit the website to be invited to a Zoom orientation. Free. volunteer@foodforpeople.org. www.foodforpeople.org/volunteering. 445-3166 ext. 310.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Melvin Seals & JGB. Blue Lake Casino & Hotel, 777 Casino Way. A New Year's Eve run to end 2021 and bring in 2022. Negative COVID test within 72 hours of attendance or proof of vaccination required. Free, on-site rapid testing will be available. Tickets via Eventbrite. \$45-\$150.

MEETINGS

Ujima Parent Peer Support. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. For BIPOC families. See the HC Black Music and Arts Association Facebook page for more information. hblackmusicarts@gmail.com.

Virtual Whiteness Accountability Space. Noon-1 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Community members who identify as white are invited to weekly conversations led by white facilitator from Equity Arcata.

Email for the Zoom link. equityarcata@gmail.com.

OUTDOORS

Live from Behind the Redwood Curtain. Ongoing, 3-3:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. California State Parks' North Coast Redwoods District is broadcasting programs featuring tall trees and rugged seas from state parks via Facebook. Free. www.facebook.com/NorthCoastRedwoods.

ETC

English Express: An English Language Class for Adults. Ongoing. Virtual World, Online. This class offers pronunciation, speaking, reading, writing, vocabulary, verb conjugations and common expressions. All levels welcome. Join anytime. Free. www.englishexpressempowered.com.

Restorative Movement. 10:30-11:30 a.m. & 2-3 p.m. Virtual World, Online. SoHum Health presents classes focused on strength and mobility (Tuesday), and on relaxation and breath work (Thursday). Contact instructor Ann Constantino for online orientation. \$3-\$5 donation per class, no one is turned away for lack of funds. annconstantino@gmail.com. www.sohumhealth.org. 923-3921.

31 Friday

ART

Online Art Fundraiser. 8 a.m. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 30 listing.

MUSIC

Shelter n Play. 6 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Public group on Facebook made up of locals. Open mic for all

skill levels, all styles, everyone's welcome to watch or perform. Sign-ups Wednesdays at noon. www.facebook.com/groups/224856781967115.

THEATER

Professor Williker's Puppet Slam: Fables and Fey Stories. 6:30-8:30 p.m. The Sanctuary, 1301 J St., Arcata. Storytelling by Sean Powers, Violet Crabtree, James Hildebrandt, the Cowtown Serenaders, the J St. Puppeteers, the Kinetic Paranormal Society and more. Also a holiday sale by Sanctuary artists. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination or negative PCR lab result (within 48 hours), ID and masks required for live audience members. Also streaming on YouTube and Facebook. \$15. info@sanctuaryarcata.org. www.sanctuaryarcata.org. 822-0898.

FOR KIDS

MARZ Project. Noon-5 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 30 listing.

GARDEN

Sea Goat Farm Garden Volunteer Opportunities. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. Help with animal care, weeding, watering, planting and occasional harvest help on Saturday mornings. Volunteers get free produce. flowerstone333@gmail.com. (530)205-5882.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Melvin Seals & JGB. Blue Lake Casino & Hotel, 777 Casino Way. See Dec. 30 listing.

New Year's Eve 2022 - The Year of the Tiger. 9 p.m. The Historic Eagle House, 139 Second St., Eureka. Featuring music by Arnold & Lane, Ultimate Fantastic, Marjo Lak, Av8trix and Segoya. Hosted by MC Lady Flavah with stage art by Blake Reagan, photo booth, midnight balloon drop, multiple bars, Chill Lounge. Participants must show ID, proof of negative COVID test or proof of vaccination. \$40, \$35 advance, \$65 VIP. 444-3344.

OUTDOORS

Live from Behind the Redwood Curtain. Ongoing, 3-3:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 30 listing.

ETC

A Call to Yarns. Noon-1 p.m. Virtual World, Online. A weekly Zoom meetup for knitters and crocheters. Sign up using the Google form for an email invitation. Free. sparsons@co.humboldt.ca.us. www.forms.gle/CkdbZSbjbckZQej89. 822-5954.

English Express: An English Language Class for Adults. Ongoing. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 30 listing.

Tabata. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. SoHum Health presents online classes with short, high intensity cardio workouts. Contact instructor Stephanie Finch by email for a link to the class. Free. sfinch40@gmail.com. www.sohumhealth.com.

1 Saturday

ART

Online Art Fundraiser. 8 a.m. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 30 listing.

BOOKS

Reading in Place - An Online Reading Group. 1 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Sign up online for a Zoom meeting invite and the week's reading for discussion. www.forms.gle/zKymPvcDFDG7BJEP9.

DANCE

James Zeller Trio and Blueberry Hill Boogie Band. 6:30-8:30 p.m. The Sanctuary, 1301 J St., Arcata. Celebrate New Year's Day with a Sanctuary double bill featuring James Zeller Trio and Blueberry Hill Boogie Band. In-

cludes a pop-up-art-shop. Vax-card or negative lab-test with ID, masks required. \$15. info@sanctuaryarcata.org. www.sanctuaryarcata.org. 822-0898.

FOOD

Arcata Plaza Farmers' Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Humboldt County grown and GMO-free produce along with plants, meats and more. Educational materials including a seasonal eating guide, recipes and merchandise available. Always open rain or shine. Free. info@northcoastgrowersassociation.org. www.northcoastgrowersassociation.org. 441-9999.

Sea Goat Farmstand. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. Fresh veggies grown onsite, fresh sourdough bread from Humboldt Baking Company and farm fresh eggs. Art from local artists as well as goods from a variety of local artisans. flowerstone333@gmail.com. (530)205-5882.

GARDEN

Sea Goat Farm Garden Volunteer Opportunities. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. See Dec. 31 listing.

MEETINGS

Sistahood. 9:30-11 a.m. Virtual World, Online. For women teenagers and older on Zoom, to build healthy relationships and strengthen ties through validation and affirmation. Music from 9:30 a.m., open conversation from 9:45 a.m., meditation with the Sista Prayer Warriors from 10:45 a.m.

OUTDOORS

Arcata Marsh Birding Tour. 8:30-11 a.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, South I Street. Meet leader Michael Morris at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake). Bring your binoculars. COVID-19 participation guidelines online. RSVP by text with the walk date and name, email and phone number for each participant. Free. thebook@reninet.com. rras.org/home.aspx. 499-1247.

Bike and Hike Day. First Saturday of every month. Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, 127011 Newton B Drury, Orick. Enjoy the parkway through the redwoods the first Saturday of every month through May while it's closed to motor vehicles. Leashed dogs welcome. Free.

FOAM Marsh Tour. 2 p.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Interpretive Center, 569 S. G St. Meet leader Ken Burton in the lobby for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk focusing on birds, plants and/or Marsh ecology. Masks are required inside the building. Free. 826-2359.

Live from Behind the Redwood Curtain. Ongoing. 3-3:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 30 listing.

Resolution Run. 10 a.m. Eureka Waterfront, Foot of Del Norte Street. The 5K start is about 200 yards south on

the Waterfront Trail and finish at the Del Norte Street Pier parking lot. The race will head south along the Waterfront Trail to the Hikshari Trail and back. \$10, free for SRRRC members. jeh43@humboldt.edu.

Wigi Wetlands Volunteer Workday. 9-11 a.m. Wigi Wetlands, Behind the Bayshore Mall, Eureka. Join Redwood Region Audubon Society create a bird-friendly native habitat and restore a section of the bay trail behind the Bayshore Mall. Meet in the parking lot behind Walmart. Tools and packaged snacks provided. Please bring water, gloves and a face mask. Free. jeremy.cashen@yahoo.com. www.rras.org/home.aspx. (214) 605-7368.

ETC

Abbey of the Redwoods Flea Market. First Saturday of every month, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Grace Good Shepherd Church, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. Local arts, products, goods. Free entry.

English Express: An English Language Class for Adults. Ongoing. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 30 listing.

Trinidad Flea-Art. First Saturday of every month, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St. For info or to become a vendor, call Penny Gunn. 834-8720.

2 Sunday

ART

Online Art Fundraiser. 8 a.m. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 30 listing.

FOOD

Arcata Vets Hall Sunday Brunch. First Sunday of every month, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Arcata Veterans Hall, 1425 J St. Dine-in (outside, weather permitting) or take-out. Tots and egg scramble, sausage, bacon, pancakes, oatmeal, fruit, vegan options and complimentary juice, tea and Kinetic Koffee. Proceeds benefit local youth programs, veteran programs and support of the hall. \$2-\$15. LegionPrograms@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/ArcataVetsHall. 601-6619.

Food Not Bombs. 4 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Free, hot food for everyone. Mostly vegan and organic and always delicious. Free.

OUTDOORS

King Tide Tour. 11 a.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Interpretive Center, 569 S. G St. Meet leaders Elliott Dabill and Barbara Reisman on South I Street in the first parking lot in from Samoa Boulevard. Rain or shine. Learn about the tides and sea level rise. Masks required inside. 826-2359.

Live from Behind the Redwood Curtain. Ongoing.

3-3:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 30 listing.

ETC

English Express: An English Language Class for Adults. Ongoing. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 30 listing.

Humboldt Flea Market. First Sunday of every month, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. New location. Masks and safe social distancing required. Browse antiques, collectibles, tools, records, clothes, crafts, pies, jams and more. \$2, free for anyone under the age of 13.

3 Monday

ART

Online Art Fundraiser. 8 a.m. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 30 listing.

BOOKS

Equity Arcata's Community Book Club. First Monday of every month, 4-6 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Alia Dunphy and Meridith Oram discuss Adrienne Marie Brown's book, *Emergent Strategy: Shaping Change, Changing Worlds*. On Zoom. Register online. www.equityarcata.com.

FOOD

Volunteer Orientation Food for People. 3:30-4:30 p.m. See Dec. 30 listing.

OUTDOORS

Live from Behind the Redwood Curtain. Ongoing. 3-3:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 30 listing.

Mad River Steelhead Derby. Countywide. The Nor-Cal Guides & Sportsmen Association's annual competition. Cash and prizes awarded to the biggest hatchery steelhead caught through Feb. 28, 2022. Register online. \$40, \$25 youth 16 and under. www.madriversteelheadderby.com.

ETC

English Express: An English Language Class for Adults. Ongoing. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 30 listing.

Tabata. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

4 Tuesday

ART

Online Art Fundraiser. 8 a.m. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 30 listing.

FOR KIDS

MARZ Project. Noon-5 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 30 listing.

Tuesday Storytime with Ms. Tamara. Virtual World, Online. Posted every Tuesday on Arcata Library's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/HumCoLibraryArcata.

MEETINGS

Humboldt Cribbage Club Tournament. 6:15-9 p.m. Moose Lodge, 4328 Campton Road, Eureka. Weekly six-game cribbage tournament for experienced players. Inexperienced players may watch, learn and play on the side. Moose dinner available at 5:30 p.m. \$3-\$8. 31for14@gmail.com. 599-4605.

OUTDOORS

Live from Behind the Redwood Curtain. Ongoing. 3-3:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 30 listing.

ETC

English Express: An English Language Class for Adults. Ongoing. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 30 listing.

Restorative Movement. 10:30-11:30 a.m. & 2-3 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 30 listing.

5 Wednesday

ART

Online Art Fundraiser. 8 a.m. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 30 listing.

BOOKS

On the Same Page Book Club. 5:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Online book club that meets on the first Wednesday of the month on Zoom. Sign up using the Google form at www.forms.gle/bAsjdQ7hKgqEgJk7.

FOR KIDS

MARZ Project. Noon-5 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 30 listing.

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Tabata. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

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ART

Online Art Fundraiser. 8 a.m. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 30 listing.

SPOKEN WORD

The Writers Lounge via Zoom. 7:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 30 listing.

FOR KIDS

MARZ Project. Noon-5 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 30 listing.

Virtual Junior Rangers. 11:30 a.m. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 30 listing.

FOOD

Volunteer Orientation Food for People. 3-4 p.m. See Dec. 30 listing.

MEETINGS

Ujima Parent Peer Support. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 30 listing.

Virtual Whiteness Accountability Space. Noon-1 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 30 listing.

OUTDOORS

Live from Behind the Redwood Curtain. Ongoing.

3-3:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 30 listing.

ETC

English Express: An English Language Class for Adults. Ongoing. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 30 listing.

Restorative Movement. 10:30-11:30 a.m. & 2-3 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 30 listing.

Heads Up ...

The city of Arcata seeks applicants for the Public Safety Committee. Applicants must live within Arcata city limits or live or work within the Arcata Planning Area. Committee applications may be emailed to bdory@cityofarcata.org, faxed to 822-8018 or dropped off in the city manager's office at Arcata City Hall between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, visit www.cityofarcata.org or call 822-5953.

The city of Arcata seeks applicants for the Economic Development Committee. Email applications to citymgr@cityofarcata.org, fax to 822-8081 or drop off in a sealed envelope labeled "City Manager's Office" at the City Hall drop boxes. For more information visit www.cityofarcata.org or call 822-5953.

The Humboldt-Del Norte County Medical Society's Humboldt-Del Norte PreMedical Education Task Force offers two \$1,000 Future Physician scholarships to students planning on attending medical school. Application at www.hafoundation.org/Grants-Scholarships/Scholarships-Apply-Now. ●

NCJ HUMBOLDT GEOGRAPHIC

Dog Paradise

By Rowdy Kelley

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The inspiration to create a Humboldt Geographic Facebook page came from sharing a few scenic pictures on my personal page. That sparked a friend's idea to start a separate page just for my pictures. I look back over the couple years the page has been going and I do realize there's another inspiration to get outside besides just taking pictures. My family will accompany me on some of my adventures but they are usually busy. The three four-legged members of my family always say yes to an excursion in the outdoors. In fact, I think they're more of an inspiration to get outdoors than the pictures. Humboldt County is a dog paradise, and they know it and expect it. Thanks Chloe, Snowball and Daisy. ●

Rowdy Kelley (he/him) is a TV and film location scout/manager, producer and director with family roots in Humboldt going back to 1900. See more of his photos on the Humboldt Geographic Facebook page.



Photo by Rowdy Kelley

Top 14 Movies of 2021

Solace in a strange year

By John J. Bennett

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As this week's issue is a Top 10 of 2021 thing, I have been asked to contribute a Top However Many. As such, the following assemblage represents, in part, some of the movies I saw in this endless eyeblink plague year that offered some sense of respite. Not everyone finds solace in the sort of desolate, misanthropic stories that comfort me; some selections are not for all tastes.

I should perhaps also offer the disclaimer that I ventured into theaters enough times to count on one hand in 2021. Due to the dizzyingly rapid proliferation of streaming releases, I didn't miss as much as I might have. Still, there will be notable omissions I can perhaps address at some later date. Additionally, the aforementioned streaming flood has ushered in a new era of "independent" American cinema: There are simply too many outlets with too many productions for a person — one shackled by a day-job, at least — to contend with. So again, omissions. Finally, there is likely to be a certain degree of recency bias evident here but in an era when time has lost its familiar defining dimensionality, recency may be as precise as we can hope to be. So on with it.

The year ended with the long-awaited release of Adam McKay's **Don't Look Up**, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Jennifer Lawrence, along with a peerless supporting ensemble. It's a departure from McKay's latest fact-based satires and, as such, represents something of a risk. A comedy leaning heavily on tragedy, *Don't Look Up* takes DiCaprio and Lawrence's frustrated astronomers down the rabbit-hole of public ignorance, misinformation and corporate greed when they attempt to warn the world of an impending cataclysm. The movie's self-assuredness in only seeking to find peace in the face of ultimate loss, rather than resolution or salvation, is perhaps McKay's most chilling political statement yet. And likely his most accurate.

The Beta Test, Jim Cummings and P.J. McCabe's erotic-conspiracy thriller, makes a good, if disheartening double-feature with *Don't Look Up*, suggesting as it does that the end of the world could just as easily be wrought by data mining as environmental collapse.

Paul Schrader, one of the last living all-timers, continued his recent streak of examinations of faithlessness and personal

desolation with **The Card Counter**, one of the most imaginatively styled and chillingly droll post-war stories of the modern era. Surprisingly, it offers a sense of reunion and salvation in its coda: hope set against apparent hopelessness.

Inside, Bo Burnham's comedy-musical art film, remains one of the clearest, heartbreaking examinations of isolation and mental health to come out of the pandemic. It is also breathlessly funny, timely, topical, astute and unlike anything else.

With **The Hand of God**, Paolo Sorrentino has given us a lush, visionary coming-of-age story grappling with ambition, sexuality, grief and sense of place with a master's touch. Every frame is a gorgeous little painting and, though suffused with concurrent loss and grace, glows with humor and humanity.

Nicolas Cage probably had a dozen movies released in 2021 (I exaggerate, but not by much). I didn't see all or even most of them, but **Pig**, written by Vanessa Block and Michael Sarnoski, who directed, reminds me that, despite his antics and odd choices, Cage is still an actor of tremendous power and depth of emotion. In an uncommonly quiet turn, he plumbs the depths of alienation and loss in the search for his purloined truffle-hunting companion.

Edgar Wright had a good year: **The Sparks Brothers** presented Ron and Russell Mael very much on their own terms, illuminating the legacy of one of pop music's most influential and under-recognized groups. (The Maels also had a moment but, as much as I can appreciate *Annette*, the musical fable they made with Leos Carax, I don't think I'll return to it.) Wright also released **Last Night in Soho**, a trippy, deceptively innovative riff on swinging '60s London and Italianate horror, with a revelatory lead performance by Thomasin McKenzie.

Despite the plague seeming to obscure the attempts at progress following last year's explosive social movements, we at least have a few documents to support the struggle, including Ahmir Questlove Thompson's directorial debut **Summer of Soul**. A documentary assembled from



It goes over your nose, sir. *Dune*

footage buried in a vault for half a century, the movie is a vibrant testament to Black music and culture that should probably be required viewing for everybody.

A couple of my favorite auteurs, Steven Soderbergh and Denis Villeneuve added to their respective canons. Soderbergh's **No Sudden Move**, an intimately scaled, devilishly contemporary '50s noir is every bit as satisfying as it is disheartening in its examination of corporate greed.

Villeneuve's **Dune** should go down as the single most impressive cinematic undertaking of the year, maybe the decade. Its scale and impossibly granular detail are simply unparalleled, its world-building puts other tent-poles to shabby shame.

Being the Ricardos is a movie I wouldn't have thought needed to exist but Aaron Sorkin's brisk dialogue, brought alive by Javier Bardem and Nicole Kidman's transformative performances, does more than enough to justify its existence.

Julia Ducournau's second narrative feature **Titane** lingers like an ongoing fever dream. Imperfect but wildly ambitious and imaginative, it is as much about notions of identity as it is about a murderous dancer impregnated by a car. Yeah.

Bad Trip, Kitao Sakurai and Eric André's scripted prank/road movie is, it would seem, the only pure comedy feature on this list. I think that speaks more to the dearth of funny than my own proclivities, but it should be said that the movie is probably a little more subversive and raw than some audiences would like. Doesn't change the fact that it is hilarious. ●

John J. Bennett (he/him) is a movie nerd who loves a good car chase.

NOW PLAYING

AMERICAN UNDERDOG. Biopic about quarterback Kurt Warner starring Zachary Levi. PG. 112M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

ENCANTO. Animated adventure about the only non-magical girl in a gifted Colombian family. Voiced by Stephanie Beatriz, María Cecilia Botero and John Leguizamo. PG. 99M. BROADWAY, DISNEY+.

THE FRENCH DISPATCH. Expat journalists get the Wes Anderson treatment, with Tilda Swinton, Benicio Del Toro and Adrien Brody. R. 103M. MINOR.

A JOURNAL FOR JORDAN. Denzel Washington directs a tear-jerker about fatherhood starring Michael B. Jordan and Chanté Adams. PG13. 131M. BROADWAY.

THE KING'S MAN. Ralph Fiennes and Gemma Arterton star in a retro action spy prequel. R. 131M. BROADWAY, FORTUNA, MILL CREEK.

MATRIX RESURRECTIONS. Keanu Reeves and Carrie-Anne Moss return hopefully to give me whatever pill will take me the hell out of here. R. 148M. BROADWAY, FORTUNA, HBO MAX, MILL CREEK, MINOR.

RED ROCKET. A hot mess of a former porn actor returns to his unwelcoming hometown in Texas for more messiness. R. 128M. MINOR.

SING 2. The animated animal musical returns with the voices of Matthew McConaughey and Reese Witherspoon. PG. 112M. BROADWAY, FORTUNA, MILL CREEK.

SPIDER-MAN: NO WAY HOME. See what happens when you take your mask off? Starring Tom Holland and Zendaya. PG13. 148M. BROADWAY, FORTUNA, MILL CREEK, MINOR.

WEST SIDE STORY. Here's hoping Steven Spielberg's remake brings back dance fighting. Starring Ansel Elgort and Rachel Zegler. PG13. 156M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

For showtimes call: Broadway Cinema 443-3456; Fortuna Theatre 725-2121; Mill Creek Cinema 839-3456; Minor Theatre 822-3456.

**AMENDED
NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
ALFRED WILLIAM CHRISTIE
CASE NO. PR2100348**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ALFRED WILLIAM CHRISTIE A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Petitioner DANIEL E. COOPER

In the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt. The petition for probate requests that DANIEL E. COOPER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 20, 2022 at 1:31 p.m. at the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, in Dept.: 6, Room: 6

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YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person

interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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**AMENDED
NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
JULIA AMELIA BASS
CASE NO. PR2100349**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JULIA AMELIA BASS A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Petitioner JAMES W. BASS, JR.

In the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt. The petition for probate requests that JAMES W. BASS, JR. be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
WILLIAM GUSTAVE TROIANO
JR. CASE NO. PR2100350**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of WILLIAM GUSTAVE TROIANO JR. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Petitioner RANDY DALE EATON

In the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt. The petition for probate requests that RANDY DALE EATON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 20, 2022 at 1:31 p.m. at the Superior Court of California,



David Spreen

1951-2021

On 11/23/2021 David Spreen passed away peacefully at home. Dave was a master mathematician and 11/23 is Fibonacci day, so it is a fitting day for his passing.

David Spreen was born in Trona, California to highly educated and well-respected father and a charismatic mother in 1951. He was the youngest of three brothers. Dave, Jeff, and Steve were the three amigos and had many adventures together. We all heard the story about creating a buzz around town when they left cards with a mysterious printing press symbol on them, secretly, at the local shops. The symbol stood for the boy's Winged V Motorcycle Club, which had found the printing press in an old abandon building. The boys also had fun experimenting with the chemicals their father, who was a chemical engineer, had brought home for them. One of Dave's earliest memories was his mother waking him to see the light of atomic bomb testing in Death Valley, approximately 60 miles northeast of Trona. Growing up the family moved around and they lived in New York, Tennessee, and Nevada before coming back to California to Laguna Beach in 1963.

Dave met the love of his life, Kathy, in Laguna Beach in the 1971. They made their way to Blue Lake, Humboldt County in 1972 and were married in 1976. In 1974 Dave and Kathy found everything they dreamed of in a property in Kneeland where they built their dream life with their two daughters, Karla and Kelly, in the mountains. He was a kind, gentle, and supportive dad and husband. He always encouraged his daughters to reach for the stars and pursue education. Dave took his family on trips every summer, which created family memories to last a life time. He was most proud of the family trip to China where he was able to share his experiences working there in the international flooring trade business. He also always spoke fondly of his trip to the Middle East with his great friend Scott in the summer of love, 1969, and his trips to Mexico with his friends.

Dave loved the outdoors and helping others. He was always educating himself and getting involved with organizations that were in line with his passions. He was actively a part of the Save Richardson Grove Group and the Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities Group (CPRT). He also worked with the Blackberry Bramble Group to bring internet to Humboldt County in the early 1990's, served on the Freshwater Elementary School Board and helped to create the Charter Middle School, and offered his educated opinion on City and County initiatives. One of Dave's proudest accomplishments was protecting the community from asbestos exposure by preventing the Barn 2 Quarry from mining asbestos containing rock, which would have been used to rock local roads.

His spirit and legacy will live on in the many values he instilled in his daughters that will be passed down through the generations; the pursuit of life long education, discovery of self and universe, and keeping family close.

Dave is survived by his wife of 45 years Kathy Spreen, and daughters Karla Knappek and Kelly Wehausen. Dave is preceded in death by his mother and father, Ruth and Edward Spreen as well as his two brothers, Steve Spreen and Jeff Spreen.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DEBRA MARIE MALDONADO FONTAINE CASE NO. PR2100341

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DEBRA MARIE MALDONADO FONTAINE, DEBRA M. FONTAINE, DEBRA FONTAINE, AND DEBBIE FONTAINE

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Petitioner BRIAR PARKINSON

In the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt. The petition for probate requests that BRIAR PARKINSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will

allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JERRY E. LUNDSTROM CASE NO. PR2100345

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JERRY E. LUNDSTRUM

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Petitioner AMY LUNDSTROM

In the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt. The petition for probate requests that AMY LUNDSTROM be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

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Effective Monday, May 18, 2020, Humboldt Superior Court will resume Probate calendars using remote video and phone conferencing. You have been served with a Notice of Petition to Administer Estate pursuant to which a court hearing has been scheduled. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, if you wish to appear at the court hearing, you must do so remotely. Instructions to appear remotely are set forth on the Court's website: <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Penal Code and provisions of the civil Code.

The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 15th of January 2022 at 10:00 am on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Four Star Mini Storage at 271 N. Fortuna Blvd., Fortuna, California County of Humboldt the following:

Karen Asti - Unit #7
Lucero Hamilton - Unit #36
Karen Asti - Unit #60
Corrin Clark - Unit #67

Items to be sold include but are not limited to: Antiques, Tools, Household furniture, sporting equipment, books, clothing and miscellaneous household items and boxes and bags of unknown contents. Purchases must be paid in cash at the time of the sale plus a \$100.00 deposit to be returned when the unit is cleaned out. All purchase items sold as is, where is and must be removed by the end of the day on Sunday. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party. Auctioneer: Four Star Mini Storage, 707-725-0702. Dated this 27th day of December, 2021.

12/30, 1/6 (21-455)

PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the civil Code.

The undersigned will sell at auction by competitive bidding on the 12th of January, 2022, at 9:00 AM, on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Rainbow Self Storage.

The following spaces are located at 4055 Broadway Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt.

Cha-Gun Marshall, Space # 5552

The following spaces are located at 639 W. Clark Street Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Stephanie Pole, Space # 2313 (Held in Co. Unit)
Mark Carter, Space # 2615

The following spaces are located at 3618 Jacobs Avenue Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Mary Walker, Space # 1573
Balinda Rose, Space # 1593
Andrea Hunsucker, Space # 1777

The following spaces are located at 105 Indianola Avenue Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Dan Conant, Space # 286
Dan Conant, Space # 289
Lois Stevens, Space # 316
Elysia Nothem, Space # 721
Fallon Hill, Space # 847

Items to be sold include, but are not limited to: Household furniture, office equipment, household appliances, exercise equipment, TVs, VCR, microwave, bikes, books, misc. tools, misc. camping equipment, misc. stereo equip. misc. yard tools, misc. sports equipment, misc. kids toys, misc. fishing gear, misc. computer components, and misc. boxes and bags contents unknown.

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12/30, 1/6 (21-452)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 21-00733

The following person is doing Business as

LOVE LACE
Humboldt
1629 Chanterelle Drive, Unit B
McKinleyville, CA 95519

Cassidy S Sisk
78A Langlois Lane
Eureka, CA 95503

Utopia A DesRocher
1629 Chanterelle Drive, Unit B
McKinleyville, CA 95519

The business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s Cassidy Sisk, Owner
This December 12, 2021
KELLY E. SANDERS
by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30 (21-431)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 21-00743

The following person is doing Business as

SUNNYBRAE LAUNDROMAT/ WESTWOOD LAUNDROMAT
Humboldt
2292 Sherri Ct
Arcata, CA 95521

Luna Tooling & Repair LLC
CA 202126011381
2292 Sherri Ct
Arcata, CA 95521

The business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on October 19, 2021.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s Rogelio S Luna, Manager/Member
This November 16, 2021
KELLY E. SANDERS
by jc, Humboldt County Clerk

12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 1/6 (21-440)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 21-00748

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 21-00748

The following person is doing Business as

ESTEVEZ ELECTRICAL SERVICES
Humboldt
2315 Williams St
Eureka, CA 95501

Heriberto B Estevez-Silva
2315 Williams St
Eureka, CA 95501

The business is conducted by an Individual.

The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on November 2, 2021.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

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Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s/ Heriberto B Estevez-Silva
This November 16, 2021
KELLY E. SANDERS
by jc, Humboldt County Clerk

12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 1/6/2021 (21-444)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 21-00764**

The following person is doing Business as
RECORD CONSULTING FORESTRY
Humboldt
2617 Boone St
Fortuna, CA 95540

Isaac S Record
2617 Boone St
Fortuna, CA 95540

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on November 24, 2021.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s/ Isaac Record, Owner
This November 24, 2021
KELLY E. SANDERS
by kt, Humboldt County Clerk

12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30 (21-436)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 21-00807**

The following person is doing Business as
DIVINE BALANCE
Humboldt
432 Maple Lane
Garberville, CA 95542

PO Box 1044
Redway, CA 95560

Melina Volz
312 Shirley Blvd
Arcata, CA 95521

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on December 27, 2021.
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/s/ Melina Volz, Owner
This December 27, 2021
KELLY E. SANDERS
by kt, Humboldt County Clerk

12/30, 1/6 1/13, 1/20 (21-454)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 21-00767**

The following person is doing Business as
KC PROPERTY SERVICES
Humboldt
1386 Lincoln Street
Ferndale, CA 95536

Jefferey J Kaline
1386 Lincoln Street
Ferndale, CA 95536

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on November 30, 2021.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s/ Jeff Kaline, Owner
This November 30, 2021
KELLY E. SANDERS
by jc, Humboldt County Clerk

12/23, 12/30, 1/6 1/13/2021 (21-450)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 21-00777**

The following person is doing Business as
CHEWY'S PET CARE
Humboldt
626 9th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Jessie L Molyneaux
626 9th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on January 1, 2021.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
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/s/ Jessie Molyneaux, Sole Proprietor
This December 6, 2021
KELLY E. SANDERS
by jc, Humboldt County Clerk

12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 1/6 (21-439)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 21-00781**

The following person is doing Business as
MARKET MINDERS
Humboldt
3861 D Street
Eureka, CA 95503

Sara K Hines
3861 D Street
Eureka, CA 95503

Deborah L Harmon
5857 Walnut Drive
Eureka, CA 95503

The business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on November 5, 2021.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s/ Sarah K Hines, Treasurer
This December 7, 2021
KELLY E. SANDERS
by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 1/6 (21-437)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 21-00783**

The following person is doing Business as
EUREKA MAIN STREET
Humboldt
525 2nd Street, Suite 105
Eureka, CA 95501

**Eureka Business Improvement
District Association**
CA C1146310
525 2nd Street, Suite 105
Eureka, CA 95501

The business is conducted by an Unincorporated Assoc. Other Than a Partnership.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on September 16, 1997.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s/ Amanda Kruschke, Economic Development Coordinator/Eureka Main Street Program Manager
This December 7, 2021
KELLY E. SANDERS
by jc, Humboldt County Clerk

12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 1/6 (21-438)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 21-00792**

The following person is doing Business as
COAST LINE CLEANING COMPANY

Humboldt
1735 Quaker St
Eureka, CA 95501

Benjamin EJ Dimmick
1735 Quaker St
Eureka, CA 95501

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the ficti-

tious business name or name listed above on December 10, 2021.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s/ Benjamin Dimmick, Owner
This December 10, 2021
KELLY E. SANDERS
by jc, Humboldt County Clerk

12/23, 12/30, 1/6 1/13/2021 (21-446)

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME CASE NO.
CV2101665 SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF
HUMBOLDT 825 FIFTH ST.
EUREKA, CA. 95501**

PETITION OF:
JESSE GRAY
for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name
LEROY MAURICE KING
to Proposed Name
LEROY MAURICE GRAY
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: January 7, 2022

Time: 1:45 p.m., Dept. 4
For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>
Date: November 18, 2021
Filed: November 19, 2021
/s/ Kelly L. Neel
Judge of the Superior Court

12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30 (21-435)

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NO. CV2101721**

SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
825 FIFTH ST.
EUREKA, CA. 95501
PETITION OF:
MELISSA DAWN RICKWALT
for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name
MELISSA DAWN RICKWALT
to Proposed Name
MISTY MELISSA DAWN RICKWALT
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: January 21, 2022
Time: 1:45 p.m., Dept. 4
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Date: December 3, 2021
Filed: December 3, 2021
/s/ Kelly L. Neel
Judge of the Superior Court

12/23, 12/30, 1/6 1/13 (21-447)

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NO. CV2101722
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALI-
FORNIA, COUNTY OF
HUMBOLDT 825 FIFTH ST.
EUREKA, CA. 95501**

PETITION OF:
ANNA FRARY VILLAGOMEZ
for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name
ANNA FRARY VILLAGOMEZ
to Proposed Name
ANNA NICHOLS FRARY
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: January 21, 2022
Time: 1:45 p.m., Dept. 4
For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>
Date: December 3, 2021
Filed: December 3, 2021
/s/ Kelly L. Neel
Judge of the Superior Court

12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 1/6 (21-441)

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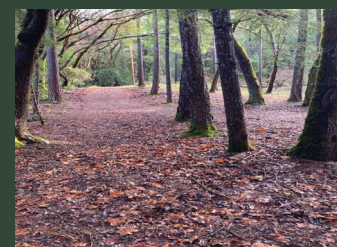
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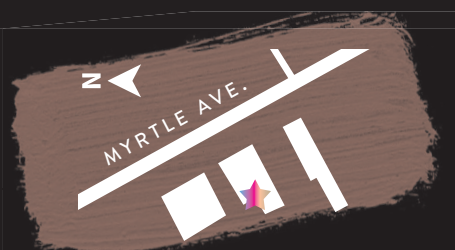
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